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EXAMINER

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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 02 September 2004.

2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1,2,4,7,11-14,17,18,22-24,28,30-34 and 36-52 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1, 2, 4, 7, 11-14, 17, 18, 22-24, 28, 30-34, 36-52 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some * c) None of:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.

5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

2. Claims 1, 2, 4, 7, 11-14, 17, 18, 22-24, 28, 30-34, 36-52 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claim 1, line 1, “the danger” lacks clear antecedent basis.

In claim 1, line 8, “the vehicle operational state” lacks clear antecedent basis.

In claim 1, line 12, “the occupancy state” lacks clear antecedent basis.

Claim 4 refers to “said occupancy state sensing step[s], whereas claim 1 recites a determining step.

In claim 4, line 4, “the occupancy history” lacks clear antecedent basis.

The claims contain several other deficiencies that are too many to be listed.

The above noted deficiencies are just a few examples. Applicant is suggested to call the examiner to discuss the various deficiencies. Also, Applicant is suggested, in claim 1, line 4, to change “providing” to “controlling” or “activating”. Also, in line 10 of claim 1, Applicant is suggested to change “activating” to “implementing”.

Appropriate correction is required.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 1, 2, 4, 7, 11-14, 17, 18, 22-24, 28, 30-34, 36-52 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action.

Response to Amendment

4. The amendments along with the arguments filed therewith on September 2, 2004 have been entered and carefully considered by the examiner.

The claims are not in condition for allowance because of deficiencies under 35 USC 112, 2nd paragraph as noted above.

Applicant, however, is suggested to contact to examiner to discuss the noted deficiencies.

Conclusion

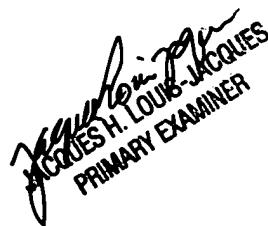
5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jacques H Louis-Jacques whose telephone number is 703-305-9757. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th 6:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thomas Black can be reached on 703-305-8233. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jacques H. Louis-Jacques".

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